

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 678

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of the Lexington Lions Club on the occasion of the Club's 60th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to commend those public service organizations whose members have banded together to serve their community, state, and nation through service projects and other activities of regional, national, and even international scope; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington Lions Club, which is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, is an active and vital part of Lions International, and its estimable members endeavor to serve their fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Lions Club includes these noble objectives: to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, during the Lexington Lions Club's first year of existence, the Club undertook its first project, and it was a most significant one, that of organizing and starting a Little League Baseball program in Lexington, with Lions Club members obtaining lights and preparing the old Kitty League/Independent ball field for play; and

WHEREAS, in the sixty years since, the Lexington Lions Club has worked assiduously on behalf of sight conservation, purchasing over fifty pairs of glasses each year for the needy and testing the eyesight and hearing of students in local schools; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Lexington Lions Club is actively involved in such admirable projects as Lions World Service for the Blind, Recording for the Blind, Leader Dog for the Blind, White Cane, Lions Mobile Sight Van, and Mid-South Sight and Hearing Service, and Lions

International members collect more than 5 million pairs of used glasses each year for distribution in other countries; and

WHEREAS, other activities supported by the Lexington Lions Club include the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, Little League Baseball, and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Lexington Lions Club is a clear demonstration of the Lions International motto: "We Serve!"; and

WHEREAS, the history and achievements of the Lexington Lions Club history clearly are worthy of this legislative body's commendation and thanks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the officers and members of the Lexington Lions Club in celebrating 60 years of superior accomplishments and outstanding service to their community, the State of Tennessee, this nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank them for their many contributions and offer them our best wishes for much continued success and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.